

This comment concerns WT Docket No. 01-289, FCC 13-2. I am an instrument rated private pilot. I received my pilot's license in 1973 and since that time I have piloted aircraft for 3400 flight hours. I own a Cessna 182 aircraft that I have owned since 1976.

I am concerned that the FCC is proposing to ban the 121.5 MHz Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT) that is in my aircraft. I see no advantage to this ban and I see many disadvantages. The major disadvantage is that it will cost me between \$1,000 and \$2,000 to replace my current working ELT. I do not see that this will increase safety which is why I have chosen not to replace my ELT with a 406 MHz ELT. I am always very concerned with safety and I will happily spend money to improve safety if I am convinced that safety will really be improved. However I do not believe that the 406 MHz ELT is significantly better than my 121.5 MHz ELT. Besides there are much cheaper alternatives. For under \$300 anyone can buy a satellite based personal emergency locator device that is better than the 406 MHz ELT. So I don't understand why the FCC is requiring that I spend \$1000 to \$2000 on something that I do not want or need. This will be money that could be much better spent on safety equipment that I do need.

I also do not understand why this is an issue for the FCC instead of the FAA. Banning 121.5 MHz ELTs will not free up radio spectrum since this frequency will still be used for aviation emergency transmissions and receptions.

Please reconsider your proposal to ban the 121.5 MHz ELTs. Your proposal will actually decrease my safety since it will keep me from spending the \$1000 to \$2000 on safety equipment that will increase my safety.

Thanks for your consideration.

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